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REMARKS

To PTO Office Action Claim Rejections – 35-USC & 102

REUSABLE SOAP BAR INSERT

The patented cases referred to and my claim both use the word "insert", however we are talking about significantly different items. The six patented cases require the insert to be incorporated at the factory. The inserts in these patents are single-purpose, limited-use objects to be discarded after a single function. My claim requires the insert to be installed by the customer. It is a durable, recyclable, reusable object. These are completely different products and processes. My claim is a productive, efficient and economic use of resources. The six patented cases simply trade one kind of waste for another.

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